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§13–1203.

(a) A person must have a license for each day that the person conducts bingo unless the bingo is conducted in a licensed gaming event.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle or Subtitle 2 of this title, in addition to bingo conducted in connection with a gaming event under Subtitle 2 of this title, the clerk of the circuit court of the county may issue a license to conduct bingo.

(c) To qualify for a license to conduct bingo, an applicant shall be a:

(1) bona fide religious group that has conducted religious services at a fixed location in the county for at least 3 years before applying for a license;

(2) tax-supported volunteer fire company or an auxiliary unit whose members are directly associated with the fire company;

(3) nationally chartered veterans' organization or an auxiliary unit whose members are directly associated with the organization; or

(4) nonprofit organization that:

(i) intends to raise money for an exclusively charitable, athletic, or educational purpose that is described in the application for a license; and

(ii) has operated in the county for at least 3 years before applying for a license.

(d) An application for a license to conduct bingo shall contain a certification, by a principal officer of the applicant, stating:

(1) the time and place of the activities for which the license is sought;

(2) that the bingo will be conducted and managed solely and personally by the regular members of the applicant without the assistance of gaming professionals; and

(3) that no compensation or reward will be paid to any person for conducting or assisting in the conducting of the bingo.

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